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(b) The Government have sanctioned the prosecution of the editor, publisher and the printers of the paper under section 295-A of the Indian Penal Code, and if I remember aright, they have been convicted also.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, may I know what steps the Government have taken to stop such scurrilous writings against religious beliefs?

MR. SPEAKER : It is a different question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We prosecute the persons if they commit an offence.

*Misappropriation of panchayat funds*

\* 27 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Panchayat Executive Officers in North Arcot district were involved in misappropriation of panchayat funds in the year 1958-59; and

(b) if so, their number?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Executive Officer.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know the amount involved?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The amount involved is Rs. 15.

*Special allowance for Elementary grade teachers*

\* 30 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers (elementary grade) working in District Board Schools in Chingleput district have not been paid the special allowance or interim relief of rupees five per month as granted by the Government according to the Budget proposals of 1958-59; and

(b) whether other employees of Chingleput District Board were paid this allowance?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir. Action is being taken to see that the special allowance of Rs. 5 per mensem is paid to these teachers also.

(b) Yes, Sir.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : May I know when this was sanctioned by the Government and why there was such an inordinate delay in disbursing the amount?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, Government in their order, dated 25th February 1959, ordered that the rates of Dearness Allowance payable to the employees of the district boards (other than elementary and secondary teachers) be increased by Rs. 5 from 1st December 1959. Accordingly, the increase was paid to all employees except the teachers in elementary schools and secondary grade teachers in secondary schools. Later on, the other teachers also have been paid.

*Water-supply to Sankarankoil taluk*

\* 97 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) the stage at which the schemes for bringing down water into the rivers of Kallar, Pambaiyar and Keeriyar for the benefit of the villages in the Sankarankoil taluk stands at present; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to take the water from Suruli Falls through a tunnel in the Suruli hill on the other side to facilitate water-supply to Sankarankoil taluk?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) On a preliminary examination made, it is seen that the three schemes referred to were found to be not feasible, and they also involve diversion of west-flowing rivers in the Kerala State and an understanding with the Government of Kerala is required to take up these schemes; the question of taking them up will, however, be considered after a decision is arrived at on the general question of diversion of flows in the Periyar, Pambaiyar and Punalur rivers. This is engaging the attention of the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : ஸார், இந்த கல்லாறு திட்டத் தையும், பம்பையாறு திட்டத்தையும் ஏற்கெனவே இன்வெஸ்டிகேஷன் செய்யப்பட்டிருப்பதாக தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டது. அப்படியானால் அதை இப்போது விடுவதற்கு என்ன காரணம்?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : ஒவ்வொரு திட்டமும் வெவ்வேறு தேதிகளில் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டது. கல்லாறு சம்பந்தப்பட்ட விவரங்கள் இப்போது என்னிடத்தில் இல்லை. பம்பையாறு திட்டத்தை பரிசீலனை செய்து பார்த்தபோது அதிகப்படியான லாபம் இல்லை என்று முதலாவதாக முடிவு செய்தது, இருந்தாலும் அதை பரிசீலனை செய்து அதிலும் சில திட்டங்களை கைக்கொள்ளலாம் என்று முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது, பெரியாறு திட்டம் அனேக வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்னாலேயே பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டது, அதிலும் அதிகமான அளவில் லாபமில்லை என்று கருதி அந்தத்திட்டமும் முதலில் கைவிடப்பட்டது. அதன் பின்னாலும் பம்பையாறு, கீரியாறு முதலிய திட்டங்களையும் மீண்டும் பரிசீலனை செய்து திட்டங்களை போடுவதற்கு முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.